Word for Thought

*Those things that teachers say…*

Words are powerful. They give comfort in times of need, though they also correct. They are filled with love, though sometimes they can be hateful. They are thoughts put into action, but will they be good or bad? Words connect us to others and help us to think that we aren’t so crazy after all. Putting thoughts into words can be one of the difficult things that we do. I’m having difficulty doing it right now. Words may inspire you to change the world or to see the world in a new light. In any school experience, AGS or not, there are going to be those things that teachers say. Maybe it does not just pique your interest, maybe it gives you chills. You’re there to learn about the world that you will soon be out in. Words come out in different ways. Whether it be discussions in Spanish class, analogies in History, or six word memoirs, the possibilities are endless, the effects multifarious.

Mr. Gillion once talked in class about how Spanish is not just a language of fruit pickers; it is a language of empire. This sparked something in me, I guess you would say. It made me think, “Wow, this isn’t just another language class.” I am learning Spanish, a language that so many before me have spoken. It is a language of emperors and great rulers and terrible rulers. It is a language that has many stereotypical opinions regarding it. Unfair opinions and thoughts that I have had in the past. Let us talk to people instead of stereotyping them. Let us get to know the people of Austin High and the world, because they might be more like us than we formerly thought. Everyone is made equal in God’s eyes no matter what language they speak and I am excited to learn another one. Thank you Mr. Gillion for a new view of the Spanish language, it isn’t just one of those things **every** teacher says.

When talking about the beginning of democracy in Greece, Mr. Tierney compared liberty to a baby girl that the empire was trying to protect from the Persians. The Greeks, unlike the Persians, had something to finally fight for. They sacrificed their lives to protect liberty in Greece, so that they could continue on with their democracy. It touched my heart, Mr. Tierney saying this; the fact that they had something to fight for, something worth fighting for. It relates to my faith. In the past, before I was saved, I had been living, sure. But now, I have something worth fighting for. Well, I’m not going down to any scheme the Devil throws at me without a fight…Those things teachers say, they’ll get you thinking.

I enjoyed writing six word memoirs. It gives insight into people’s lives. I have started writing some more. What would you write yours about? It’s your day in six words. It’s your life in six words. It can say a lot about you. I want to continue writing them. I can see how I’ve grown. Here are a few of mine.

“God, give me words to speak”

“Don’t procrastinate, you don’t like it!”

“I’m a thinker for a reason.”

“Time for Jordan make night night.”

Words don’t always come in sixes. They come in many different forms. We all have something to contribute. It isn’t just teachers saying things.

Words are funny, are they not? They will make you laugh, they will make you cry, they will definitely make you think. I am blessed to have a great group of teachers this year in AGS. Thank you Mr. Tierney, Mrs. Webster, Mr. Gillion, Mr. Whitted, and Mr. Kiker for all that you have already said and will say in the future. Your words have already challenged me and will continue to do so. They will encourage me to help others and be a global citizen, too. I hope that I will say something that will affect you all this same way, words that challenge and care and support. I am looking forward to the year; it has been a whirlwind already. I will be keeping my ears open because, well, you know how teachers are. You do not want to miss those things they say.